

In the Specification:Replace the title with the following:

--Helical Cutting Unit and Method for Operating the Same--

Replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 5-11 with the following:

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-- When a different cut-to-cut length of the ribbon 1 is required by the printing system, the angular orientation  $\alpha$  of the cylinders 2, 3 relative to the ribbon 1 is changed. In addition, the proportionality constant of rotation of the cylinders 2, 3 is adjusted so that the component of travel of the point of contact in the direction of travel 7 of the ribbon 1 still matches the speed of the ribbon 1.--

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 2-4, 6, and 12-21.

Sub B1  
A2  
Claim 1 (amended). A cutting unit, comprising:

a pair of cylinders disposed opposite one another with a gap formed there-between for receiving a ribbon, said pair of cylinders including a first cutting cylinder having a